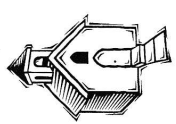


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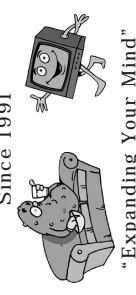
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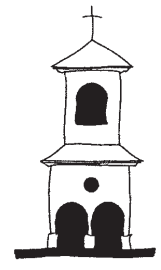
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April 8, 2007 — Easter Sunday

PASTOR'S CORNER

All of us members of our parish staff wish every parishioner, and our visitors, a very happy Easter. Easter Sunday is an appropriate day for me to introduce our parish new Mission Statement: "Seeking God's Will." I discuss our Mission Statement in today's Sunday Bulletin Insert. I encourage you to read this Insert carefully. Our parish Mission Statement is particularly suitable because it embraces every one no matter how young or how old.

— Fr. Marcellus

STEWARDSHIP

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much." —Luke 12:32-48

Collection for March 18..... \$ 260.00 (delayed reporting)
 (Amounts reported do not include restricted funds)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday April 9: Sacred Heart parish office is closed for Easter Monday.
- Sunday, April 15: The HALO group will have a fund-raising lunch in Pep Hall after Mass. Please see "Announcements" for more information.
- April 16 - April; 20: Fr. Marcellus is away for the Easter Holidays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Member: Please welcome our newest member, Emily Todd, who was baptized into the church last night at the Easter Vigil at Sacred Heart. Welcome to our family, Emily!

HALO Fundraising Lunch: Next Sunday, April 15, the HALO youth group will be serving lunch in Pep Hall after Mass to raise funds for their Breast Cancer Walk t-shirts. They will be participating in the Breast Cancer Walk on May 12th. The shirts can carry the names of breast cancer survivors and victims, so if you'd like to contribute a name, please contact Susan Encinas, 462-3760.

The lunch menu will include homemade fideo (pasta), homemade bread and rum-soaked custard cake for dessert. The cost for each meal is \$6.00. Meals are limited, so please call Susan at 462-3760 to reserve your spot!

Operation Rice Bowl: Please bring your Rice Bowl contributions to Mass next Sunday, April 15. Thank you for your participation!

Idaho Catholic Appeal: Plan to contribute generously to the ICA that makes it possible for the Diocese of Boise to function. **St. Jude's assessment for this year is \$3,775.00.** If we do not make this goal, we must pay the balance out of our general fund, leaving less for operating expenses, programs and charity. If each of our registered families donates \$100.00 to the ICA, we will come very close to meeting this goal. In the past, we have only met our assessment due to the generosity of two families, each of who have had to scale back their ICA donations due to family circumstances. It's time for YOU to step up to the plate and help our St. Jude community meet this goal! **Our amount collected for the ICA to date is \$1,697.50.**

ST. JUDE BIRTHDAY CORNER

Today: Fr. Marcellus.

April 12: Elizabeth Dunn.

April 13: Aaron Froom.

April 14: Mariel Rollins.

April 14: Nell Rollins.

ELDERS

"Whereas childhood and youth are the times when the human person is being formed and is completely directed towards the future, and — in coming to appreciate his own abilities — makes plans for adulthood, old age is not without its own benefits. As Saint Jerome observes, with the quieting of the passions, [old age] 'increases wisdom, and brings more mature counsels.' In a certain sense, it is the season for that wisdom which generally comes from experience, since 'time is a great teacher.' The prayer of the Psalmist is well known: 'Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart' [Ps 90:12].

—Pope John Paul II, *Letter to the Elderly*, #6

"The New Testament, filled with the light of Christ, . . . contains eloquent examples of elderly people. The Gospel of Luke begins by introducing a married couple 'advanced in years' (1:7): Elizabeth and Zechariah, the parents of John the Baptist. The Lord's mercy reaches out to them (cf. Lk 1:5-25, 39-79). Zechariah, already an old man, is told that a son will be born to him. He himself makes the point: 'I am an old man and my wife is well on in years' (Lk 1:18).

In the Temple at Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to offer him to the Lord, or rather, in accordance with the Law, to redeem him as their first-born son. There they meet the aged Simeon, who had long awaited the Messiah. . . . At Simeon's side we find Anna, a widow of eighty-four, a frequent visitor to the Temple, who now has the joy of seeing Jesus. The Evangelist tells us that 'she began to praise God and spoke of the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem' (Lk 2:38).

Nicodemus, too, a highly-regarded member of the Sanhedrin, was an elderly man. He visited Jesus by night in order not to be seen. To him the Divine Teacher reveals that he is the Son of God who has come to save the world (cf. Jn 3:1-21). Nicodemus appears again at the burial of Jesus, when, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, he overcomes his fear and shows himself a disciple of the Crucified Lord (cf. Jn 19:38-40). How reassuring are all these examples! They remind us that at every stage of life the Lord can ask each of us to contribute what talents we have. The service of the Gospel has nothing to do with age! . . . As if to recapitulate the splendid images of elderly people found throughout the Bible, Psalm 92 proclaims: 'The just will flourish like the palm-tree, and grow like a Lebanon cedar..., still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just' (vv. 13, 15-16)." —John Paul II, *Letter to the Elderly*, # 7-8

"Dear elderly people, live the evening of your life with serenity and joy; praying intensely and thereby strengthened, dedicate yourselves to works in the service of your neighbour."
—Pope John Paul II, *Angelus*, September 17, 2000

"Precisely as so-called 'senior citizens', you have a specific contribution to make to the development of a genuine 'culture of life' - you have, we have, because I also belong to your age group - witnessing that every moment of our existence is a gift of God, and that every season of human life has special treasures to put at the disposal of all. You yourselves can experience how time spent without the disturbance of so many occupations can encourage a deeper reflection and a fuller dialogue with God in prayer. Your maturity also spurs you to share with those who are younger the wisdom accumulated with experience, sustaining them in their effort of growth and dedicating time and attention to them at the moment when they are opening themselves to the future and seeking their own way in life. You can accomplish a truly precious task for them."
—Pope John Paul II, *Homily*, September 17, 2000 #5

"Suffering and sickness, and death itself, are part of the mystery of life. But while they remain a mystery, they need not be without meaning. In Christ and through his Passion and Resurrection, all creation has been redeemed, including all human experience. In fact, in his Passion Christ used suffering and death to express in the fullest way his obedient love for the Father. And now, in union with Christ our sufferings can become an act of love for the Father, a loving act of surrender to the providence of God." —Pope John Paul II, *Address to Sick and Elderly People*, 1984, #2

"If the life of each of us is limited and fragile, we are consoled by the thought that, by virtue of our spiritual souls, we will survive beyond death itself. Moreover, faith opens us to a 'hope that does not disappoint' (cf. Rom 5:5), placing us before the perspective of the final resurrection. It is no coincidence that the Church, at the solemn Easter Vigil, uses the same two Greek letters in reference to Christ who lives yesterday, today and for ever: He is 'the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega. All time belongs to him and all the ages.' Human experience, although subject to time, is set by Christ against the horizon of immortality. He became a man among men, in order to join the beginning to the end, man to God." —Pope John Paul II, *Letter to the Elderly*, #2